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Peter Michael Finnigan et al.  
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CONTROL IN TURBINES

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO  
OFFICE ACTION MAILED OCTOBER 14, 2005**

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on October 14, 2005.